

FORESTRY FUTURES TRUST ONTARIO

January 10, 2025

Invitation for Applications for Ontario's Incremental Tree Planting Program

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the third call for applications to Ontario's Incremental Tree Planting Program, as part of Canada's Two Billion Trees initiative, administered by the Forestry Futures Trust Committee (FFTC). This will be the last call for the current funding window, with all projects to be complete by March 31, 2026. Further opportunities will be offered if Ontario's ITP is renewed.

We encourage you to submit applications for eligible work by the deadline of Friday, February 14, 2025.

• This is a 50-50 cost sharing program between Ontario and the Federal government.

• "Incremental" for the purposes of this program is defined on Appendix A of the provided program guide

• Information that the Committee requires and will use to evaluate projects and prioritize funding allocations includes: values to forecast net carbon benefit, clearly defined biodiversity co-benefits, and the amount of afforestation to be generated. These factors are outlined in more detail in the guide.

• The ITP project application, budget forms, and the project work reporting format with financial summaries can all be found on the FFT website (<u>www.forestryfutures.com</u>) under 'Forms and Reports/Downloadable Forms'. An ITP Project Application Guide is provided with this letter and is also available for download from our website. We recommend that you review it for an understanding of the eligibility activities.

• Pre-project planning is calculated on the combined pre-HST treatment costs (rather than total project cost), i.e., up to 10% of the total value of silvicultural treatment costs.

Please submit applications electronically including signatures and R.P.F. seals to Attn: FFTC Chair at admin@forestryfutures.com.

All information contained in your Project Application and supporting documentation is considered public information subject to the application of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act R.S.P. 1990. c. F. 31, and is collected under the authority of that Act.

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Committee Chair Ray Riley R.P.F.(Hon.)

Committee Members Mike Barker Bill Baker James Harrison Dr. Sandy Smith George Gretes A submission containing incomplete information or in which key elements are missing will be returned to the applicant. Some opportunities for revisions may be provided on a case-by-case basis. Each applicant will be advised, in writing, of the Committee's decision by the end of March 2025.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or the Program Coordinator, Anastasia Frisby, through our office at (807) 343-8010 ext. 8503.

Sincerely,

R.A. Riley, R.P.F. (Hon) Chair, Forestry Futures Trust Committee CC: Mike Brienesse, MNR